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New Online Service – Unemployment Insurance Employer Registration

(HELENA) --- Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner Keith Kelly announced today the launch of a new eGovernment service 'UI4Employers' that will help employers or their agents register on-line with the Unemployment Insurance Division.

The e-gov solution, <u>www.ui4employers.mt.gov</u>, gives employers the ability to register and immediately obtain their unemployment insurance account number. Employers will also be able to obtain their tax rate, download various notices, and quarterly report forms that are due.

"Providing Montana employers the ability to register on-line offers a service that is easily accessible to new Montana businesses and is very exciting," said Governor Schweitzer. "The Department of Labor and Industry continues its mission to provide convenient, efficient and immediate access to government services."

Employers currently have the option to submit quarterly wage reports to Unemployment Insurance on-line, but until now, registering a new business with the UI Division has been a paper process. "Most employers in the state are required to register with the Unemployment Insurance Division. UI4Employers offers a secure, easy, and efficient alternative to paper registration," said Keith Kelly, Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

The UI4Employer application is the result of an alliance between state government and the private sector. The system was cooperatively developed and is supported by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's Unemployment Insurance Division, the Montana Department of Administration's Information Technology Services Division and Montana Interactive, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment provider NIC (Nasdaq: EGOV).